

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), J. Campbell Barker, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 87), Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 86), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—90)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2577.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Rear Admiral Michael Toedt, Chief Medical Officer, Gary J. Hartz, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, and Ann Church, Acting Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, all of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: NRC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Kristine Svinicki, Chairman, and Jeff Baran, Annie Caputo, and David Wright, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ellen M. Lord, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, David J. Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, General Timothy M. Ray, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command and Commander, Air Force Strategic—Air, United States Strategic Command, and Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, all of the Department of Defense.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy principles for a Federal data privacy framework, focusing on consumer perspectives, after receiving testimony from Helen Dixon, Data Protection Commission of Ireland, Dublin; Jules Polonetsky, Future of Privacy Forum, and Neema Singh Guliani, American Civil Liberties Union, both of Washington, D.C.;

and James P. Steyer, Common Sense Media, San Francisco, California.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, “Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019”, after receiving testimony from Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen; Anthony J. O'Donnell, Maryland Public Service Commission, Baltimore, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Tim O'Connor, Xcel Energy, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Geoffrey H. Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF WAR IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the humanitarian impact of eight years of war in Syria, after receiving testimony from Ben Stiller, United Nations Refugee Agency, Geneva, Switzerland; and David Miliband, International Rescue Committee, New York, New York.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 279, to allow tribal grant schools to participate in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, S. 790, to clarify certain provisions of Public Law 103–116, the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993, S. 832, to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865, after receiving testimony from John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for

Indian Affairs; William Harris, Catawba Indian Nation, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Ron Suppah, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Oregon; and Cecelia Firethunder, Oglala Lakota Nation Education Coalition, Martin, South Dakota.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice's investigation of Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election, after receiving testimony from William P. Barr, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Development Programs, after receiving testimony from Allen Gutierrez, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, and Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration; Michael W. Myhre, Florida SBDC, Pensacola; Kiesha Haughton, Maryland Women's Business Center, Rockville; Ken Yancey, SCORE Association, Herndon, Virginia; and Darcella K. Craven, Veterans Business Resource Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher Scolese, of New York, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 2426–2467; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 37; and H. Res. 336–347, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Andrew Chaney, First & Calvary Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri.

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